

# The Earthly Actors in Revelation 12-14

Rev 13:12-18

## Revelation 12: The Woman, her Seed, the Dragon, Michael

### Revelation 13: The Dragon and the Two Beasts

Lev 26, Ezek 14: God's Four Judgments

Job 40-41:  
 • Behemoth  
 • Leviathan

Dan 7:  
 • Four beasts  
 • Ten horns  
 • World rule

2 Thes 2:  
 • Man of Sin  
 • Wonders  
 • Worship

Deut 13:  
 • False prophet  
 • Miracles

### Revelation 14: God and his Human Creatures

	1-10, Beast from the Sea	11-18, Beast from the Earth
Relation to the Dragon	1 ... a beast ... having <b>seven heads and ten horns</b> , ...	11 And I beheld another beast ... and he <b>spake as a dragon</b> .
Worship, Wound	3 ... <b>his deadly wound was healed</b> : ... 4 ... and they <b>worshipped</b> the beast, ...	12 he ... causeth the earth ... to <b>worship</b> the first beast, whose <b>deadly wound was healed</b> .
Divine Permission ("was given")	5 And <u>there was given</u> unto him a mouth ... and <b>power ἐξουσία</b> was given unto him ... 7 And <u>it was given</u> unto him ... and <b>power ἐξουσία</b> was given him ...	14 ... those miracles which <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to do ;... 15 And <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to give life unto the image of the beast,
Distinctive Sign	whose <b>names are not written</b> in the book of life of the Lamb	16 And he causeth all ... to <b>receive a mark</b> in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ...
Call to attention	9 If any man have an ear, <b>let him hear</b> . ...	18 Here is wisdom. <b>Let him that hath understanding count</b> the number of the beast:

# 13:13-14, The Beast's Miracles

## 13:13 doeth great wonders

Deu 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 **And the sign or the wonder come to pass**, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods**, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for **the LORD your God proveth you**, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## fire from heaven

1Ki 18:36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ... 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. 38 Then **the fire of the LORD fell**, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

2Ki 1:9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **there came down fire from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **the fire of God came down from heaven**, and consumed him and his fifty.

## Why do Elijah's miracles?

Mal 4:5 Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

# Miracles and Images

## 14 deceiveth ... by the means of those miracles

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with **all power and signs and lying wonders**, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Mat 22:20 And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.



“Tribute penny,” denarius of Tiberius Caesar, Roman emperor AD 14-37.

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US Dime, F.D. Roosevelt, US president 1933-1945

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Exodus 13:9 (KJV)

9And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

- What would this observance be like?

## 16 a mark ... in their foreheads

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God **in their foreheads.**

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written **in their foreheads.**

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh ... **I will write upon him the name of my God,** and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and **I will write upon him my new name.**

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:... 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign **upon thine hand,** and they shall be as frontlets **between thine eyes.**



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# Revelation 14 in Context

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:1-8, Prolog

1:1-3, Title

1:4-6, Letter Opening

1:7-8, The Coming Eternal One

1:9-22:9, Four Visions “in the Spirit”

1:9-3:22, 7 Letters to the Churches

4:1-16:21, 7 Seals, Trumpets, & Bowls

17:1-21:8, Defeat of the Great Whore

21:9-22:9, The Bride of Christ

22:10-21, Epilog

22:12-13, The Coming Eternal One

22:16-20, The Lord’s Last Words

22:21, Letter Closing

4:1-16:21, Coming Judgments

4-8:1, The Seven Seals

4-5, Intro: Heavenly Actors

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Answer to Seal 6

8:1-5, Seventh Seal

8:6-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:6-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials

11:14-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials / Bowls

12-14, Intro: Earthly Actors

12, Woman, Seed, Dragon, Michael

13, Beasts out of Sea & Earth

14, The Divine Perspective

15-16, Seven Vials

14:1-20, The Divine Perspective

1-5, Faithful, Victorious Witnesses

6-12, Three Angelic Proclamations

13-20, The Final Harvest



Is. 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that **the mountain of the LORD'S house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from **Jerusalem**. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isa 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when **the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem**, and before his ancients gloriously.

# Mt Zion in the Last Days

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for **in mount Zion and in Jerusalem** shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Zech. 14:2 For I will gather all nations against **Jerusalem** to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before **Jerusalem** on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; ... 8 And it shall be in that day, that **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And **the LORD shall be king** over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.